

Knox News

November 2022

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In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae

From the Minister's Desk

'WHAT TIME IS IT?'



With just weeks to go before the start of Advent, the time has come once again for us to prepare for the Nativity. Technically speaking, we are looking at a period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas.

Technicality aside, Christians throughout the world will use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent **to remember, reflect upon, and prepare for** the real meaning of Christmas. In other words, the meaning of Advent/Christmas entails a combination of several tenses of time – past, present, and future.

Stories of the past help us remember that in Jesus Christ, God has decisively intruded into our time, i.e. God has come to us!

And today, we are hope-filled that in the future Jesus will come back to the world as King and Judge.

Even as we honor the past and prepare for the future, Scripture has always taught the importance of living in the present wherein Jesus wants to come into our respective lives at any particular moment in time. Suffice to say, Scripture provokes in us an important question, especially at this time:

“How then should we live our lives, given that we are straddled between the past and the future?”

Given that now is the time of year when people start to buckle under the stress of continuing pandemic challenges, the stress of Christmas preparations, added celebrations, and worry associated with news within our community and around the world, this is indeed an important question for us to grapple.

As Christians, we are reminded that Advent season has always ushered the people of God into a reality of incarnation, wherein the unfathomable act of God entering our finite world;

this has always filled us with hope of **what can be** through the grace of God.

Suffice to say, the Season of Advent blesses us with an awe-filled reality wherein we may anticipate and rejoice in God's action that continues to define how we live and may live as we anticipate our Lord's arrival.

As Christians, we are often critiqued as being overly optimistic. Interestingly enough, Apostle Paul described the faithful as those who have been given the gift to know what's really going on in the present moment. That is, the fact that we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ continues to define and direct how we are to live the present moment - a life characterized by hope-filled diligence and commitment to the Kingdom of God.

May this blessing continue to undergird your life, not just during Advent, but in all times.

Blessings in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Dong-Ha Kim

Session Notes

By Steve McInnis

The Session met on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 @ 7pm. Twelve elders attended, including the moderator, Rev. Dr. Kim. The meeting opened with prayer and a reflection from 1 Thessalonians 1:2,3. Discussion continued regarding those who are ill in the congregation.



Correspondence: We received a letter from Marie Gregor, resigning from session. This was accepted with regret and appreciation for her faithful service.

Updates: Session decided to acknowledge retiring elders with a thank you letter. Plans are continuing for a community Christmas Carol Concert at Knox on December 5th and for Reformation Sunday on October 30.

Ministry Reports:

Christian Education Committee – The committee is pleased with the work of the Sunday volunteers.

Leading With Care – An anti-bullying seminar was held at Knox, as planned, on October 1.

Mission - There were 32 individual campers from 19 families at Kids' camp this year. A total of 67 camper spots were filled. The campers raised \$411.70 for a PWS&D-sponsored water rehabilitation project. The Adelaide Soup Bowl has started up again. At Knox, through September and October, our mission focus was the hunger crisis. Knox supported the Transport for Christ chaplains at the Drumbo truck stop through the Mission committee fund.

Pastoral Care – There are many Knox people with health issues and the committee is visiting and calling them. There will be a coffee fellowship after the Reformation Sunday service, hosted by the Kitchen Crew. Clergy can now visit more than one person per day at the hospital.

Board of Stewards – Stained glass work continues. The damaged emergency exit from the dining hall will be replaced with an egress window. Lighting updates in and around the church continue. We plan to replace the parking lot doors by means of a grant from the Ontario Government. We helped arrange removal of one ailing tree and the repair of the fence on the north side of the property. A new tree was planted as a memorial to John and Elaine Berst.

Restoration Committee - Restoration work is complete for this year. The Hunter Street side and the west end of the church will be done next year.

Worship – Communion went well on October 2, but with some lessons learned. The committee hosted a coffee hour for anniversary Sunday on October 16.

Trustees – Trustees paid for the upgrade to the Hunter Street entrance, from the Sondra Turner Estate. The trustees also paid \$4,800 for boiler repairs.

Presbytery/Synod Report – There are several pulpit vacancies in the Paris Presbytery and in the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Ministers' Report – Rev Kim commented on his sermon series about the Lord's Prayer.

New Business:

A Congregational Photo Directory will be arranged in the near future.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 @ 7pm

Mission Committee

By Elaine Stevens



November.

Warm Winter Wear

The cold and snow are coming and those less fortunate will be in need of warm clothing. The need is for all ages – adults, youth and children. A box just inside the Knox parking lot door is available to collect any donations of winter coats and boots that are still in good condition, as well as new mitts and toques. If you are purchasing your donation, note that especially needed, for those outside a lot, are hats and mitts that have waterproof qualities. We will deliver them to Operation Sharing at the end of



The Christmas Place

The Christmas Place, run by Operation Sharing, is accepting cash, cheques, gift cards and NEW children's toy donations. These can be dropped off to The Christmas Place, parking lot entrance of College Avenue United Church, from November 30th thru December 12th. Charitable Tax Receipts will be issued for cash/cheques/gift cards. Cheques should be made payable to Operation Sharing with The Christmas Place noted in Memo.

If you prefer, you can donate through your church offering envelope during November. Just record the \$ *amount* and *Christmas Place* on your envelope on the "other" line. Cheques should be made payable to Knox Presbyterian Church. In December we will deliver a cheque, in the total amount donated by Knox members, to Operation Sharing.

For those who enjoy the personal shopping for children's gifts, a box has been placed under the Mission Board for the donation of new children's toys. We will deliver them to The Christmas Place the first week of December.

Music Moment

By Janet vanderSpek

World Peace is something that we all yearn for. The hymn " Oh For a World Where Everyone", #730 in the Book of Praise has inspiring and challenging words. The last verse is in particular inspiring.

**"Oh for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease."**

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.



The text was written by Sister Miriam Therese Winter (pictured on the left) and she was born in New Jersey, 1928. She is a Roman Catholic Medical Missionary Sister, theologian, writer and songwriter. Her hymns include "Joy Is Like the Rain", "Knock, Knock," and "Wellspring of Wisdom". As a Medical Missionary Sister, Winter has worked along the Thai- Cambodian border and in Ethiopia at refugee camps. She has also traveled to communities in Botswana, Ghana, Uganda, Kenya, and India to spread her music as well as performing in the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

I have fond memories of listening to the Medical Missionary Sisters' music (pictured on the right) while growing up.

Hope to see many of you at the Yuletide Bazaar!
Thank you to everyone who has been working hard with all the preparation.



Paris Presbytery WMS Fall Rally

By Elaine Stevens



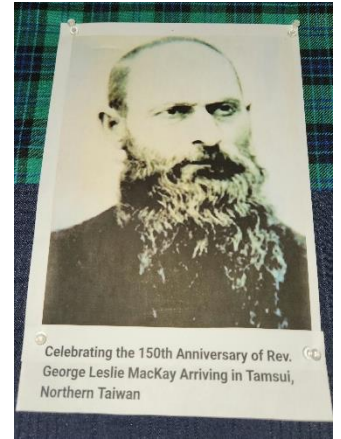
Norma Howe welcomes guests to Embro



Al & Anne Matheson share pictures from Taipei at the complex where the schools and university were started by G.L. Mackay



Knox Presbyterian Embro was decorated all things Scottish to celebrate George Leslie Mackay



A picture of George Leslie Mackay

Paris Presbyterial WMS held their Fall Rally at Knox Presbyterian Church in Embro on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Twenty-two women, from Paris, Woodstock, Simcoe and Embro, came to learn about the life of George Leslie MacKay. G.L. MacKay was the first overseas Presbyterian missionary and this year we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of his arrival in Tamsui, Formosa.

Norma Howe from Embro told us about George L. MacKay's early life. He was born on a farm on the 10th Line of Zorra Township in Oxford County. MacKay wanted to take the gospel message overseas and at the age of 22, in 1872, he became a Presbyterian missionary and headed to Formosa, which is now called Taiwan. MacKay dedicated his life to the Taiwanese people. With funds raised in Canada while he was on furlough MacKay established the first hospital with western medicine in northern Taiwan. MacKay built Oxford College in Tamsui through generous donations (\$6,215) from friends in Oxford County.

Anne and Al Matheson toured Oxford College while on holidays and showed us pictures of the college. Today Oxford College is a large campus with the Taiwan Theological Seminary and Tam Kang High School. The original college and one of the old residences are museums about G.L. MacKay. The Mathesons saw, on the grounds, the small cemetery where MacKay and his wife are buried and also the WMS chapel that was financed by the WMS in Canada.

G.L. MacKay is still revered by the Christians in Taiwan today.

Kitchen Crew

By Rose Izzard

The Kitchen Crew would like to thank everyone for supporting our first bazaar since COVID. Your donations and support are greatly appreciated!



Yuletide Bazaar

Get your tickets from Rose, Carol or from Kim in the church office!



Yuletide Bazaar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022
10:30 AM TO 2:00 PM

**Baking, Crafts, Quilts,
Frozen Foods, Preserves**

PRESBYTERIAN PLATE -
includes traditional scone, cookie,
loaf slice & beverage

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE - \$5.00
Available from Rose Izzard 519-539-8720,
Carol Langille 519-537-3545,
the Church Office 519-537-2962 and at the door

**Knox Presbyterian Church,
59 Riddell St., Woodstock
Wheelchair Accessible**

Knox Phlox Garden Guild

By Susan McLennan

Knox Phlox members have had another successful garden season. Autumn is traditionally the season in which we 'tidy' all the plants for winter.

In the last number of years, the Master Gardeners of Ontario, Botanical Gardens and others are recommending and encouraging people not to tidy too much. Many small creatures overwinter in the garden mulch.

Based on these recommendations Knox Phlox has tidied the church gardens but not cut everything down, leaving plants for the birds and other little insects.

And now we dream of next year!

THIS AUTUMN,
LEAVE STANDING DRIED STEMS
AND SEEDHEADS FOR THE BIRDS!
DON'T 'CLEAN UP'



A public service announcement from the Master Gardeners of Ontario website

Word Search



ACORN
APPLE
AUTUMN
CHESTNUTS
CHILLY
CIDER
COBWEB
FALL
FOOTBALL
GOURD

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HARVEST
HAY BALE
HAYRIDE
LEAVES
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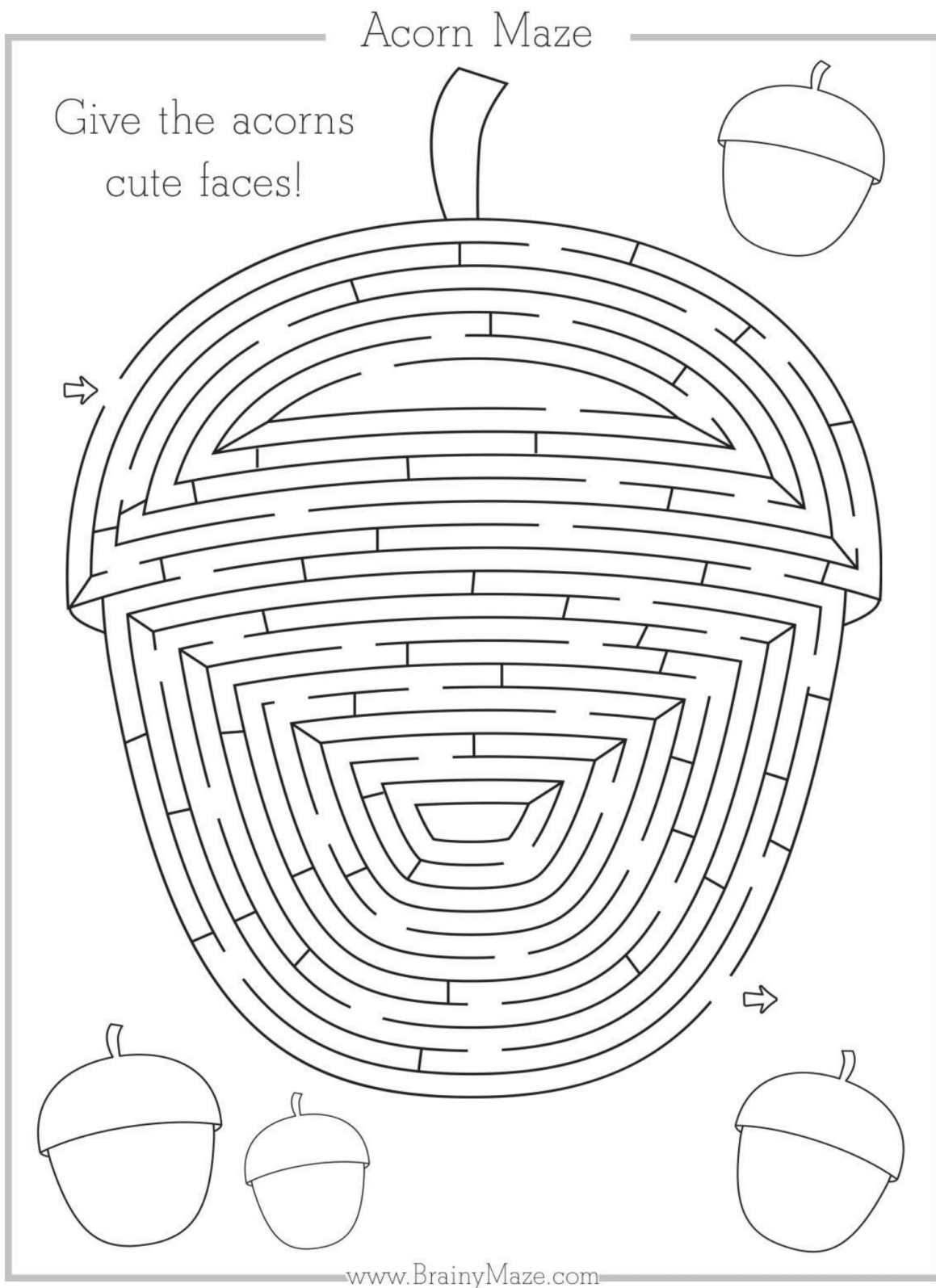


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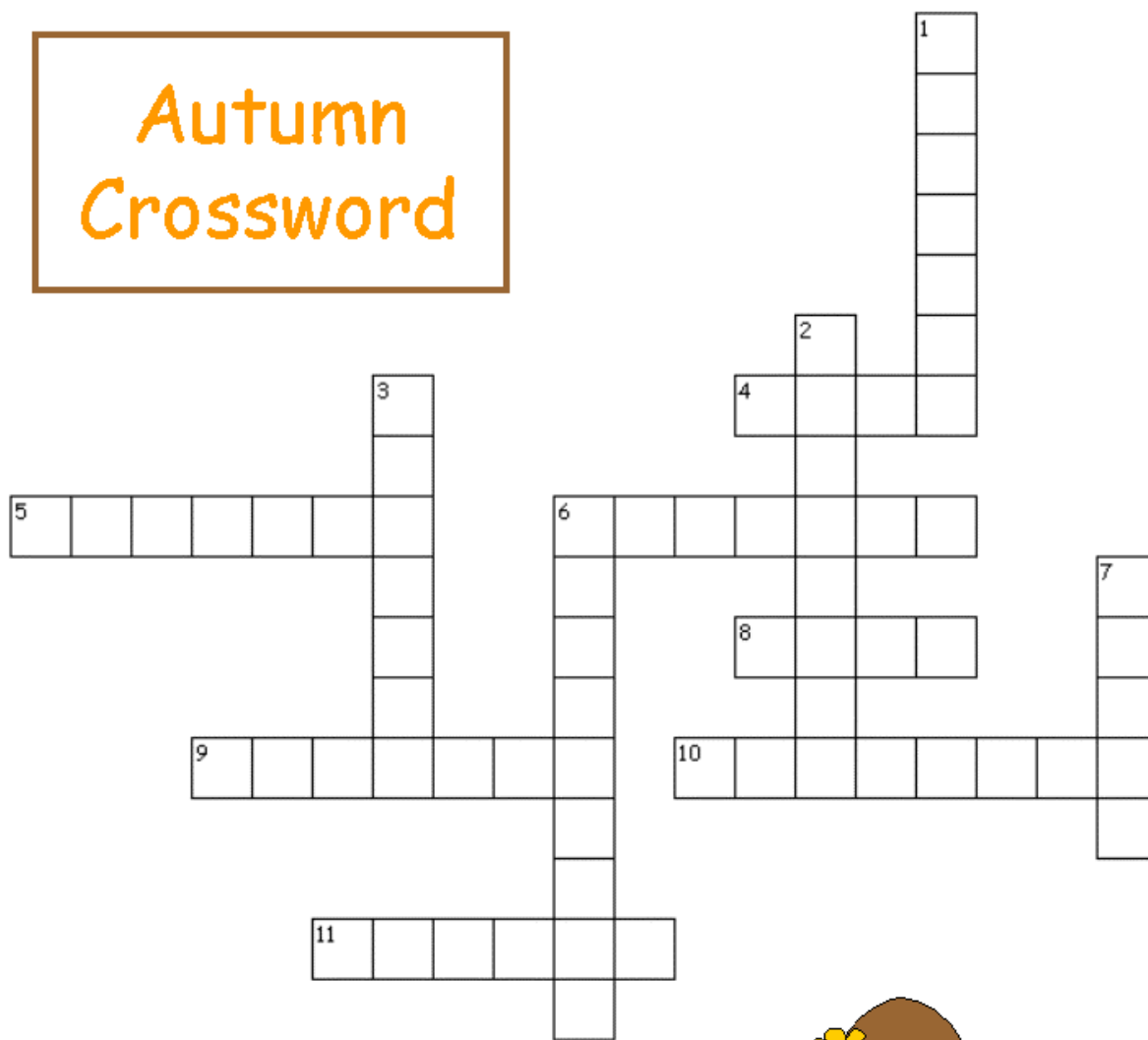
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A-MAZE-ing Fun



Crossword



Across

4. A tasty yellow vegetable with kernels.
5. Another word for gathering crops before winter.
6. Something people wear during autumn.
8. Another word for autumn.
9. Many animals do this in the autumn.
10. The way trees look during autumn.
11. One of the colors leaves turn in autumn.

Down

1. A large orange squash that people carve faces into.
2. A sport that starts in autumn.
3. The middle month of autumn.
6. Used to scare birds away from the corn.
7. A crisp, red fruit.

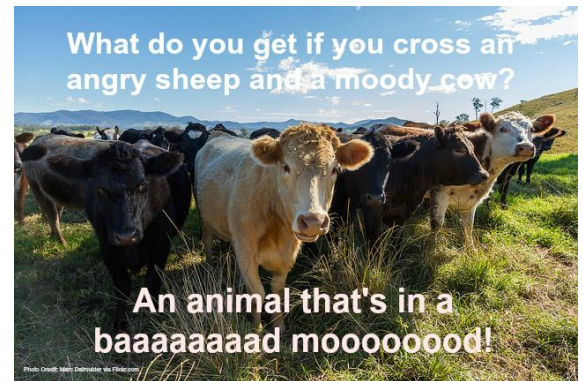


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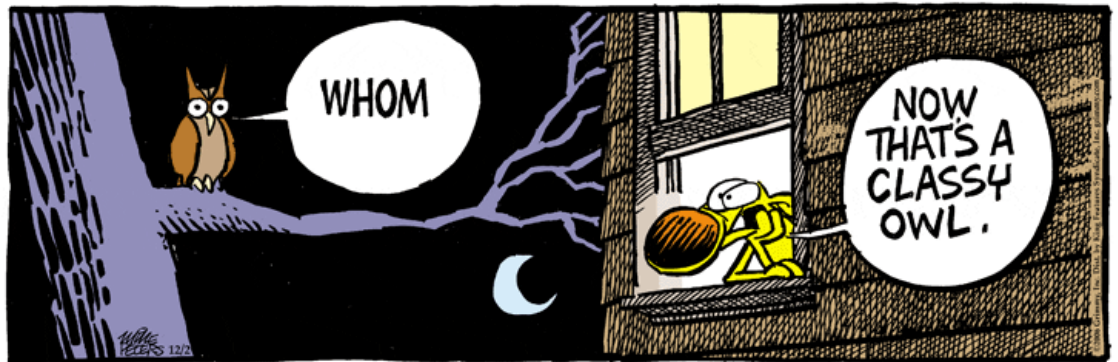


At what time of day was Adam created?

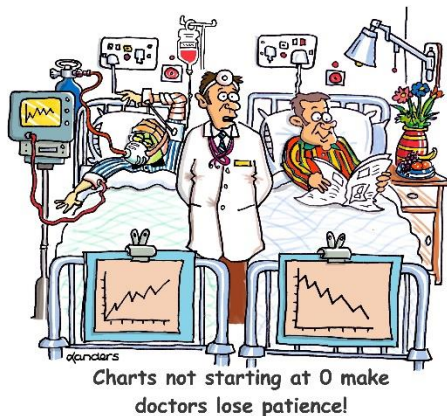
A little before Eve.



Knock Knock!
Who's there?
Owls go...
Owls go who?
Yes, yes they do!



I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes...
I'm all about "raisin" awareness!



I tried playing hide and seek in the hospital,
but they kept finding me in the **ICU!**



I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER. BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT

Bulletin Bloopers – (submitted by Karl Harris)

Hymn: I Need Three Every Hour

Hymn of Response: Crown Him With Many Cows

Visitors are asked to sing their names at the church entrance.

Stewardship Offertory: "Jesus Paid It All"

Our Church Family



Dan Molinaro	November 4 th
Anne Jewlal	November 21 st
Cheryl Shulman	November 23 rd
Emily Hewitt	November 30 th



David & Carol Langille	November 5 th
Warren & Irene Brown	November 30 th



We wish to express our deepest sympathies to the family of Peter Kuiper, who passed away on September 29th.



A special thank you to Brenda Currah and Susan McLennan for doing such a beautiful job of decorating the sanctuary for Thanksgiving, as well as to Michael for helping to carry everything!

Journey for Hope

By Steve McInnis and Nora Martin

Knox Presbyterian Church Is a Woodstock Wonder!

As you likely remember, we, Steve and Nora (officially Woodstock Wonders), participated in the Journey for Hope to raise money for PWS&D's Food Security Programs (implemented mostly through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank). As you know, this is a particularly timely cause, given the hunger crisis the world is currently experiencing.



The official date for the ride was October 1, 2022, and by some miracle it was a glorious fall day, crisp and cool but comfortable for riding bike. We rode a little over 22 km and raised **\$2145.00** in total.

We would like to thank you, the church, for your extremely generous support for this fundraiser over the past years and this year again. We couldn't have done it without you. Without people like yourselves, the world would be a poorer place, in every sense of the word. THANK YOU!



Berst Memorial Tree Planting



On October 2nd, the Dedication of a red oak tree in memory of John and Elaine Berst took place following Sunday Worship.

John passed away in September 2021 and his daughters suggested a tree be planted in memory of their dear father.

This became a combined Berst family, Chancel Choir, Knox Phlox, and Board of Stewards project.

Thank you to Nathaniel Bonnet for the actual planting.

Some of the Berst family members were in attendance and thanks is extended to Rev. Kim for the beautiful and meaningful liturgy.



Tree Removal

By John Dobbs



Knox Church had a tree that was rotted, so arrangements were made to have it removed.

The tree removal started at 5:30 am by first removing the fence with a sledge hammer. It didn't take many hits and the fence was down. Brian Cassidy arrived just before 6 am. For safety's sake, we blocked both the entrance and exit.

Brian went up the tree about 40 feet and tied a 1-inch rope around two big branches, first cutting a couple of limbs that were in the way of the rope. When he came down, we parked the car and truck about 75 feet away from the direction we wanted the tree to fall. We then tied a block and tackle to the rope and started to take

out the slack. The rope was tight enough to hold my weight without sagging too much.

Brian then started to make the cuts while I kept working on the block and tackle. After taking the front wedge out, he then started the main cut. When it was almost through, the tree started to lean my way. Grabbing the rope over my head, I pulled with all my weight and the tree came the rest of the way! A lot of the branches shattered into 6-inch pieces or so and made quite a mess.

The tree was down by 8 am, and we then started cutting it up. Six hours of cleanup later, we had two trailer loads of brush and two loads of fire wood. We repaired the neighbour's fence with used fence boards so that they blended in with the existing ones.

We rented a grinder to grind out the two stumps at the church and then did five more at the cemetery, since we had the rental for a half day.

We filled the holes with dirt after removing the chips of wood and planted grass seed.



Cutting a tree down doesn't take very long – it's making it look good after!

Bullying Prevention Workshop

By Lynda Whiteford



We were pleased to host David Phillips, Administrator of Leading with Care for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, at our church on October 1st. There were 10 people, including 5 elders from Knox, in attendance as well as a minister from another local church.

We learned that bullying is a perceived imbalance of power, repeated, intentional, physical, verbal or social. Everyone needs to recognize bullying and stand up to it.

It was reassuring to know that there is a process to follow as outlined on the PCC website that addresses bullying and harassment. As well, David is a great resource.

We must be committed to providing safe environments for all persons including children, youth, vulnerable adults, and those who minister to them.

Community Christmas Carol Concert

2022 ANNUAL

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

Monday, December 5th - 7:30 pm
Doors open at 6:30 pm

Local Performers
Church Choir

Guest Organist: Angus Sinclair

Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock
Corner of Hunter & Riddell Streets

**Freewill Offering for
Operation Sharing**

Silent Night! Holy Night
And they found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying

1. Si - lent night! ho - ly night!
2. Si - lent night! ho - ly night!
3. Si - lent night! ho - ly night!

November 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Worship 10:30am Guides 6-8:30pm	7 NO MEDITATION THIS WEEK Rangers 7-9pm Pathfinders 7-9pm	1 TOPS 9am Beginnings 1pm Session 7:00pm	2 Bazaar Preparation 9am Prayer Shawl (Friendship Centre) 7pm Board of Stewards 7pm	3 Choir 7:15pm	4 KAOS 7pm	5 YULETIDE BAZAAR 10:30 am to 2:00 pm
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